(b) Financial constraints coupled with other administrative reasons.

(c) Yes.

(d) Punjab Government is seized of the matter.

3497. (*Transferred to the 27th August*, 1987)

Export of cotton seed extractions

3498. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and value of export of cotton seed extractions during the last three years, 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are bleak prospects for export of cotton seed extractions in the fiscal year ending March, 1988;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government for export promotion of cotton seed extractions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) As per the information compiled by the All India Cotton-seed Crushers' Association, Bombay, India's export of cottonseed extractions during the last three years were as follows:

Year	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs. crores)
1984-85	62881	8.05
1985-86	35908	4.05
1986-87	53083	6.81

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Exports of cottonseed extractions have been affected adversely on account of stringent quality control regulations about permissible levels of aflatoxin in imported feed stuffs applied by the European Economic Community member countries and concern for the same amongst the importers.

(d) Government allows cash compensatory support on export of cottonseed extraction for improving competitiveness of our exports. Trade is also encouraged to undertake visits abroad for exploring the market.

Crimes against women

@3499. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crimes against women in the country are increasing rapidly;

(b) what is the State-wise break-up of crimes against women during the last one year; and

(c) what steps the Central Governments have taken or propose to take to minimise such crimes in the country;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Statements I, II, III—showing figures of certain major heads of crime against women for the years 1983, 1984 and 1985 are attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 132]

(b) A statement-IV showing the number of cases reported as crimes against women during the year 1986 State-wise is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 133].

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